

Commander Cameron T. Naron

Commander Naron graduated from the United States Coast Guard Academy in 1988 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Applied Science. His first assignment was as a Deck Watch and Communications Officer in USCGC BOUTWELL (WHEC 719), until her entry into the Coast Guard's Fleet Modernization Project, then in USCGC MELLON (WHEC 717), after her modernization. During this tour, he made four deployments to Alaska and participated in the only launch in history of a Harpoon anti-ship missile from a Coast Guard cutter. Both BOUTWELL and MELLON were homeported in Seattle, Washington.



From 1990 to 1991, he served as the Eighth Coast Guard District Assistant Chief of Boating Safety and Assistant Director of Auxiliary in New Orleans, Louisiana. In 1991 he returned to sea as Executive Officer of USCGC CUSHING (WPB 1321) in Mobile, Alabama. He served as Senior Controller of the Seventeenth Coast Guard District Rescue Coordination Center and Command Center in Juneau, Alaska from 1993 to 1996. Commander Naron then served as Commanding Officer of USCGC KEY BISCAYNE (WPB 1339) in Corpus Christi, Texas, from 1996 to 1998. During his tour, KEY BISCAYNE seized a vessel carrying 2,156 pounds of cocaine with an estimated street value of \$149 million dollars and also rescued 164 Dominican Republic migrants from a 40 foot boat taking on water in the Mona Passage.

From 1998 to 2000, Commander Naron served as a Legislative Fellow on the staff of Senator Daniel Inouye, of Hawaii. In 2000 he returned to sea as Executive Officer of USCGC CAMPBELL (WMEC 909) in New Bedford, Massachusetts until 2002. During this tour, CAMPBELL deployed to New York City immediately following the tragic events of September 11, 2001 and exercised tactical control over all Coast Guard forces in lower New York Harbor and its approaches as a key part of the largest domestic security operation since World War II. From 2002 to 2004 he was assigned as the National Security Cutter Sponsor Representative within the Office of Cutter Forces at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, DC.

From 2004 to 2006, Commander Naron served at Department of Homeland Security Headquarters, in Washington, DC, as Special Assistant and Directorate Director of Policy and Programs for the Under Secretary of Information Analysis and Infrastructure Protection, and then, after a major reorganization of the Department, as Coast Guard Liaison and Maritime Advisor to the Assistant Secretary of Intelligence and Analysis. Following Hurricane Katrina, Commander Naron deployed to New Orleans for two months to assist the Eighth Coast Guard District Commander with governmental affairs, logistics, and with reestablishing the Coast Guard District office in New Orleans.

From 2006 to June of 2008, Commander Naron was assigned as Commanding Officer of USCGC CONFIDENCE (WMEC 619). During this assignment, he served as On Scene Commander during the multi-unit Coast Guard response to the overdue, disabled, and adrift fishing vessel JOE COOL, which subsequently resulted in a national level, multi-agency federal murder investigation.

Commander Naron has been assigned since July of 2008 as the Deputy Chief of the Office of Law Enforcement at Coast Guard Headquarters.

Commander Naron's personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), the Coast Guard Commendation Medal (four awards), the Coast Guard Achievement Medal (three awards), two Commandant's Letters of Commendation, the Armed Forces Service Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal (two awards), the Department of Transportation 9/11 Medal, the Coast Guard "E" Ribbon, the Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendation (four awards), the Coast Guard Special Operations Service Ribbon (three awards), and the Coast Guard Sea Service Ribbon (four awards).

A native of Portland, Oregon, Commander Naron is married to the former Mary Beth Grande. They have three children, Mae (14), Joseph (11), and Kathleen (8).